



January 21, 2011

Sales Tax Report. We have more good news on the sales tax front. The local sales tax remittance from the State of Tennessee for January was \$ 1,892,149 compared to \$1,736,146 for the same month in 2010, an increase of \$ 156,003 or 9.0%. [The January remittance is for sales tax collected during the month of November, representing the fifth month of the fiscal year on an accrual basis.] During the same period, the State of Tennessee sales tax collections were up 2.5%. Year-to-date, the City has received \$9.09 million compared to \$8.38 million in the previous year, a difference of \$ 712,817 or 8.5%. The State of Tennessee sales tax collections, year-to-date, were \$2.60 million compared to \$ 2.51 million in the prior year, a difference of \$ 93.9 million or 3.8%. For budget comparisons, the City anticipated collections of \$8.94 million for the first five months of the fiscal year. Through November, the City is \$ 147,355 ahead of budgeted collections. As a further comparison, the November collection of \$ 1.89 million compares to \$1.96 million in 2007 and \$ 2.02 million in 2008. As you can see we are making progress in our primary revenue source (sales tax), but have not yet returned to the revenue levels of 2-3 years ago. This marks our ninth consecutive month of positive sale tax growth compared to a year ago.

Thanks to our **Human Resources and MIT Departments**. They have been developing new City identification cards for all employees with our new logo and updated information. All employees will be issued a new photo ID to wear while they are at work. Your supervisor will let you know when you can report to City Hall in the next few weeks to get your ID made. **It will be a requirement to wear your ID at all times during working hours.** This helps keep our workplace safe and secure.

Web Map Training. The MIT department has updated their current web mapping applications. They are offering training in the board room next week. **The training will be on Tuesday at 9:00 am or Wednesday at 2:00 pm.** The training will demonstrate the new data and tools that are available to city staff. Some new tools are an updated address locator, an export map widget, and a Google Street / Bing Bird's eye view widget. Any questions please contact Carl Alexander at x6619

A reminder, the **W-2's are now available on Green Employee.** It will state that they will not receive a paper copy if they opt for the electronic version, but that is not accurate. **A paper W-2 will also be mailed by the end of this week.** There was an added feature this year for those

that use Turbo Tax, the information from the W-2 should populate for the employee automatically. Finance also sent information to your supervisors about reconciling your W-2 with your paystub and verifying the accuracy. Please get that information from your supervisor if you haven't already.

Beginning next month **Franklin TV will forge a relationship with WAKM and TMA Group** to videotape the Home Town Radio Program which is taped live at the TMA building on Columbia Avenue every third Friday of the Month. Long time radio host Tom Lawrence has been hosting the program for decades. **Ray Foglia and his crew** will tape the program and rebroadcast it on Franklin TV. The show will feature two guests from the City on each monthly program.

The **Streets Department** was back at work last night salting the roads so our citizens and visitors can get to their destinations safely. They received about 90 tons of salt from our recent order bringing our supply to about 400 tons. They are expecting a little more than 400 tons more salt to be delivered shortly.

Time for another **quiz**. Since we have just come through college football bowl season and this year's Super Bowl participants will be decided this Sunday. Let's have a football-related topic. The first to correctly answer the question will receive a Franklin hat (your choice of blue or pink). Name the five ways you can score in a football game. Hint: All five were seen in the Auburn-Oregon BCS Championship Game (insert "War Eagle" here) and in the Ohio State-Arkansas Sugar Bowl game (I have to give some love to my Buckeyes!) Send me your answer by e-mail. The first correct one in, wins!

Have a great (and safe) weekend! Thanks for all you do.

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